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For: PROLIFERATION OF HEPATOCYTE PRECURSORS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONHonorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment and Response to the Examiner's Office
Action dated June 20, 2000 in the above-cited application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add new claims as follows:

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21. A method of treatment of liver dysfunction in a subject in need thereof comprising
administering a genetically engineered hepatocyte precursor to the subject.

22. A method of treatment of liver dysfunction in a subject in need thereof comprising
administering a genetically engineered hepatocyte precursor to the subject, with the proviso that